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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS • COLUMBIA COUNTY

September 29, 2003

TO: Speaker of the House
President of the Senate
Governor of the State of Florida
County Commission of each Florida County
Suwannee River Water Management District
Florida Association of Counties

FR: Columbia County Board of County Commissioners

RE: Resolution No. 2003R-39 pertaining to Florida's water resources

Enclosed is Columbia County, Florida, Resolution 2003R-39. The Columbia County Board of County Commissioners encourages all local government and elected officials to voice their opposition on this matter.

BOARD MEETS FIRST THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.
AND THIRD THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2003R- 39

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING IT'S SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUED INCLUSION OF A LOCAL SOURCES FIRST POLICY IN CHAPTER 373 F.S. AND IT'S OPPOSITION TO ANY AMENDMENT TO FLORIDA'S WATER RESOURCE POLICY WHICH ALLOWS, ENCOURAGES OR PROMOTES WATER TRANSFERS.

WHEREAS, Florida's water resources are a natural resource and not a commodity to be sold or transferred to the highest bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County have been staunch supporters of a State local sources first policy within Florida's Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County believe the continued retention of this policy is integral to protecting Florida's water resources and the development of long-term sustainable use without adversely impacting our unique natural resources, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County unanimously agrees with The Florida Association of Counties' support of the fundamental principles of Florida water law which requires a showing that a proposed use of water is a reasonable, beneficial use, will not interfere with an existing legal use of water, and is consistent with the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County supports the Florida Association of Counties' opposition to legislation that shifts water supply allocation from a publicly regulated process to a market driven process; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County supports the Florida Association of Counties' opposition to legislation that undermines the fundamental principles of Florida Water Law which establishes a right-of-use – not a right-of-ownership; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County have recently seen documentation which indicates the Florida Council of 100 will request repeal or modification to Chapter 373 F.S. to eliminate the local-sources-first language; and

WHEREAS, whereas, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County wish to go on record early and unequivocally that such a proposal is ill considered and will put Florida's surface waters and aquifers at risk of irreparable damage for irresponsible short-term gain by limited special interest groups; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County believes that any discussion of regional water transfer is premature until Minimum Flows and Levels have been established for all of Florida's water resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County, Florida, in regular session this 18th day of September 2003, as follows:

The Board of County Commissioners actively oppose any modification to Chapter 373 F. S. as it relates to the current local sources first policy and

The Board of County Commissioners encourages all local government and elected officials to voice their opposition to their state elected officials and

1. Resolution shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board, and attested by the Clerk of the Board.

2. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to: **the Columbia County Legislation; the Speaker of the House; the President of the Senate; the Governor of the State of Florida; the County Commission of each of Florida's counties; and the Florida Association of Counties.**

ATTEST:

P. DeWitt Cason, Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Ronald Williams, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

Marlin Feagle
County Attorney

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September 2, 2003

Leon County Board of County Commissioners
Parwez Alam, County Administrator
Leon County Courthouse.
301 S. Monroe St., 3rd Flr.
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Re: Local Sources First Policy

Dear Mr. Alam:

The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners during their August 26, 2003, regular session, executed a Resolution establishing the Board's support for the continued inclusion of a Local Sources First Policy as noted in Chapter 373 F.S. as well as it's opposition to any amendment to Florida's Water Resource Policy which allows, encourages or promotes water transfers.

The Board strongly believes the continued retention of this policy is integral to protecting Florida's water resources and the development of long-term sustainable use without adversely impacting our unique natural resources. Therefore, Citrus County wishes to go on record that we believe the proposal made by the Florida Council of 100 is ill considered and will put Florida's surface waters and aquifers at risk of irreparable damage for irresponsible short-term gain.

Citrus County encourages you to act against this proposal and initiate the necessary steps to support Citrus County in its' efforts as outlined in the attached Resolution.

Sincerely,

Richard Wm. Wesch

Richard Wm. Wesch, Esq.
County Administrator

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RESOLUTION NO. 03 - 177

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING IT'S SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUED INCLUSION OF A LOCAL SOURCES FIRST POLICY IN CHAPTER 373 F.S. AND IT'S OPPOSITION TO ANY AMENDMENT TO FLORIDA'S WATER RESOURCE POLICY WHICH ALLOWS, ENCOURAGES OR PROMOTES WATER TRANSFERS.

WHEREAS, Florida's water resources are a natural resource and not a commodity to be sold or transferred to the highest bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County have been staunch supporters of a State local sources first policy within Florida's Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County believe the continued retention of this policy is integral to protecting Florida's water resources and the development of long-term sustainable use without adversely impacting our unique natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County unanimously agrees with the Florida Association of Counties' support of the fundamental principles of Florida water law which requires a showing that a proposed use of water is a reasonable, beneficial use, will not interfere with an existing legal use of water, and is consistent with the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County supports the Florida Association of Counties' opposition to legislation that shifts water supply allocation from a publicly regulated process to a market driven process; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County supports the Florida Association of Counties' opposition to legislation that undermines the fundamental principles of Florida Water Law which establishes a right-of-use – not a right-of-ownership; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County have recently seen documentation which indicates the Florida Council of 100 will request repeal or modification to Chapter 373 F.S. to eliminate the local-sources-first language; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County wish to go on record early and unequivocally that such a proposal is ill considered and will put Florida's surface waters and aquifers at risk of irreparable damage for irresponsible short-term gain by limited special interest groups; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County believes that any discussion of regional water transfer is premature until Minimum Flows and Levels have been established for all of Florida's water resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida, in regular session this 26 day of August 2003, as follows:

The Board of County Commissioners actively oppose any modification to Chapter 373 F.S. as it relates to the current local sources first policy and

The Board of County Commissioners encourages all local government and elected officials to voice their opposition to their state elected officials and

1. Resolution shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board, and attested by the Clerk of the Board.
2. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to: **the Citrus County Legislative delegation; the Speaker of**

the House; President of the Senate; the Governor of the State of Florida; the County Commission of each of Florida's counties; the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority; the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council and each of its members; the Florida League of Cities; and the Florida Association of Counties.

ATTEST:

Glenda Gruver, D.C.
for BETTY STRIFLER, CLERK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: Gary Bartell
GARY BARTELL, 1st VICE CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

ROBERT B. BATTISTA
COUNTY ATTORNEY